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and the docking display unit is fully operable only when the detachable portable unit is docked thereto.

11. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein control signals from the application processor are coupled by means of a first electrical connector provided on the detachable portable unit and said docking display unit further includes a second electrical connector for removably engaging said first electrical connector when said detachable portable unit and said docking display unit are docked.

12. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said detachable portable unit further includes at least one of a memory, a wireless communication circuit, a first microphone, a first speaker, and a power supply.

13. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein detachable portable unit includes a first speaker and microphone and said docking display unit further includes a second speaker and a second microphone.

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14. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said docking display unit includes a first pen-input panel and said detachable portable unit includes a second pen-input panel.

15. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said docking display unit is mounted in a vehicle.

16. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said detachable portable unit includes a first keyboard and said docking display unit includes a second keyboard.

17. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said detachable portable unit includes a connection for an external head-phone.

18. A device, as set forth in claim 10, wherein said detachable portable unit includes at least one of an optical transmitter and an optical transceiver.

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